

8/5/98 Fall

A 22-year-old roofer fell approximately 22 feet off the edge of a roof onto concrete and died.

The worker leaned over the side of the roof in an attempt to nail a piece of felt that was flapping. He placed his hand onto the felt, which had no support underneath, then fell over the roof. He was wearing a fall restraint harness and was dragging the ropes behind him, however, was not connected to the anchorage point. His brother witnessed the fall.

Questions to ask?

- If you are performing jobs that require the use of fall arrest or restraint, under what situations have you allowed the protection not to be used?
- Is it when "the job will only take a minute", or when "it has been done before without the belts and we didn't fall then?"